

Why the Cyprus Digital Nomad Visa Continues to Attract Non-EU Nationals

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Remote working has changed the equation. For entrepreneurs, consultants and professionals whose income is no longer tied to one location, quality of life, connectivity, residency and tax considerations can all influence where they choose to establish themselves

Imagine starting your working day with Mediterranean sunshine, taking your lunch break by the sea, and ending the afternoon exploring charming villages, vibrant cities or spectacular coastal landscapes.

Cyprus has positioned itself firmly within this changing landscape. Cyprus offers the opportunity to turn this lifestyle into reality through the Cyprus Digital Nomad Visa.

The Cyprus Digital Nomad Visa remains attractive because it combines legal residence in an EU country with relatively accessible income requirements, family reunification, and the ability to keep working for overseas employers or clients.

The scheme is explicitly designed for non-EU/non-EEA nationals, so the target market is precisely the group that needs a residence route to live in Cyprus while working remotely.

But the attraction of Cyprus goes beyond the visa itself. For the right individual or family, it can provide an opportunity to combine international mobility with Mediterranean living and a well-established international business environment.

Why Cyprus Digital Nomad Visa?

1. A relatively straightforward route to EU-country residence

Applicants can obtain a temporary residence permit for one year, with the possibility of renewal for another two years. That gives a successful applicant potentially three years of lawful residence without having to establish employment with a Cypriot company.

For remote professionals from countries outside EU/EEA, that is a significant proposition: their income and employment can remain tied to an overseas business while their physical base is Cyprus.

2. The income threshold is attainable for many skilled remote workers

The minimum requirement is €3,500 in net monthly income, after contributions and taxes. The authorities require evidence demonstrating that the applicant has stable and sufficient income, including supporting financial documentation.

That positions the programme toward professionals such as software developers, consultants, designers, executives, online business owners and other location-independent workers who already earn above the threshold.

3. A move that can include the family

The permit can extend to the applicant's spouse/civil-union partner and minor children. Family members receive residence rights for the same period, however, they cannot be employed or undertake economic activity in Cyprus under the scheme.

This is important because the decision to relocate is often a family decision rather than an individual one. A visa that accommodates a spouse and children is considerably more compelling than a programme designed only for single professionals.

For professionals considering a genuine relocation rather than a short period working overseas, the ability to bring their family can make Cyprus considerably more relevant as a longer-term base.

4. Cyprus offers a lifestyle proposition alongside the visa

For many internationally mobile professionals, location is now part of the reward for building a career or business that can operate remotely.

The government itself frames the programme as part of a broader strategy to attract international business and strengthen Cyprus as a centre for electronic services.

In practical terms, the attraction is the combination of:

- Mediterranean climate and lifestyle
- English widely used in business and everyday life
- EU-country residence
- established international-business community
- relatively developed telecommunications infrastructure
- access to a large international airport network
- the possibility of living on the island while earning income from abroad

Cyprus combines a Mediterranean setting with an established international business community. That means the decision can be about more than securing a residence permit. It can be about creating a different balance between professional ambition and personal lifestyle.

5. Immigration and tax residence should be considered together

One of the most important areas for prospective applicants to understand is the distinction between immigration residence and tax residence.

An individual who spends more than 183 days in Cyprus during a calendar year is treated as a Cyprus tax resident under the 183-day rule. The Digital Nomad Visa itself should not be confused with a blanket tax exemption.

Requirements for the Cyprus Digital Nomad Visa – Who can qualify for the Cyprus Digital Nomad Visa?

- **Non-EU/EEA national:** the scheme is specifically for people from outside the EU/EEA.
- **Remote work:** you must be able to work remotely using telecommunications technology
- **Foreign employer or clients** either:
 - you are employed by a company registered **outside Cyprus**, or
 - you are self-employed and provide services to **clients located outside Cyprus**.
- **Minimum income:** at least **€3,500 net per month**, after taxes and contributions. When adding family members, this required amount increases by specific percentages based on the primary threshold. For adding a spouse/civil partner to the application, the minimum income increases by 20% and for adding a minor child, the minimum income increases by 15%.
- **Proof of stable income:** you need supporting documentation demonstrating that the income is regular and sufficient.
- **Health insurance and accommodation/documentation requirements:** supporting documents must be submitted, officially translated and appropriately certified/legalised where required.
- **No local employment:** the Digital Nomad status does not allow you to work for a Cyprus-based employer/client.
- **Application timing:** after entering Cyprus, the application for the temporary residence permit should generally be submitted **within three months**.
- **Family:** spouse/civil partner and minor children can obtain residence permits but **cannot work or conduct economic activity in Cyprus** under this scheme.

The first residence permit is **valid for 1 year**, with renewal possible for up to **another 2 years**. The maximum number of permits that can be granted remains at 500.

Is the Cyprus Digital Nomad Visa right for you?

For the right individual, the Cyprus Digital Nomad Visa can provide an attractive route to establishing a European base while maintaining an international career or business.

But the decision should not be made on the visa criteria alone.

An effective relocation strategy should consider immigration, tax residence, family circumstances and existing international interests together. Addressing these questions before moving can help individuals understand the consequences of establishing themselves in Cyprus and structure their affairs appropriately.

How Dixcart Can Help

At Dixcart, we look beyond the visa application itself.

Our team in Cyprus can help individuals and families understand how a move to Cyprus may affect their wider position, including immigration, residence and tax considerations. We can also assist with the application process and supporting documentation, helping ensure the different elements of a relocation are considered together.

If you are considering Cyprus as your next base and would like to understand whether the Digital Nomad Visa is appropriate for your circumstances, please contact advice,cyprus@dixcart.com.